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at least one urging mechanism interposed between the sample block and the sample well tray, said urging mechanism configured to impart an urging force on the sample well tray,

said urging force configured to urge the sample wells away from the openings in the sample block upon removal of a pressing force imparted on the top of the sample well tray for pressing the sample wells into the openings of the sample block.

27. (Amended) The heating apparatus of claim 26, wherein the sample well tray holder is configured to be pressed down by an outside portion of the cover so that the sample well tray becomes disengaged from the sample well holder, the urging mechanism no longer imparting an upward force on the sample well tray in this position.

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28. (Amended) The heating apparatus of claim 27, wherein the sample well tray receives said upward force from the sample well tray holder when the outside portion of the cover is no longer pressed downward so that the sample well tray holder engages the sample well tray.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-28, and 40 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 19-28, previously withdrawn, are rejoined. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in